

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Jan 17, 2008

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:04 PM

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- Minutes for Dec 2007 approved.
- Treasurer's Report for Dec 2007 approved. Budget for the new fiscal year approved.

Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Captain Campbell explained the large police presence outside the church was related to an earlier shooting at a nearby residence in Old Ladera. Thanks to a witness who came forward immediately the suspects were apprehended by the CHP a few minutes ago on Centinela near the CHP office. The victim has been taken to the hospital and is in surgery. The Captain introduced Tony Gonzales replacing Jeff Olander. He has 11 years at the station, an experienced detective, and has done Homeland Security work. He has only been in this new role 3 weeks. And has done some phenomenal work already. Occasionally we are successful with a hit on a fingerprint. On 3 cases he recently ID'd suspects and took them into custody. He's working on complaints related to a lot large parties on a Lower Ladera street. The LASD is continuing their volunteer work with YAL (Youth Activity League) at Ladera Park for kids approximately 13 years of age. The LASD currently has 3 Volunteer Reserves being trained at the Academy.
- **CHP:** Not present
- **LAPD:** Not present

New Business

- **Judy Washington – LaTijera School:** Mrs. Washington provided an overview of the wonderful talent and after school activities. She is trying to get the parents to pull into the marquis area to improve ongoing traffic issues. She would like to form a subcommittee to work with her for the betterment of the school.
- **Los Angeles Alzheimer's Assn:** Sal Angeles provided an overview of the services the Alzheimer's Association provides. Many of the services are designed to provide assistance and relief to those who provide care for Alzheimer's patients. Providing care for these patients is often a 24-hour job making it difficult for family members to get out and learn more about the kind of help that is available to them. Sal stayed after the meeting to share additional information to interested residents and would like to have a table at our annual meeting in November so that he can speak with even more members of the community.

New Business

- **Corporate Sponsors/Membership:** Charlee Williams is working on a new and innovative approach to increase membership. Gene Eldridge and Cheryl Cook asked to be included and they'll meet offline and report back at next months meeting.
- **March Candidate Night:** Ruth Lawrence will send invitations to Bernard Parks and Mark Riddley-Thomas to participate in a Ladera Heights Civic Association candidates night so we can find out how they plan to support us. Carmen Spiva agreed to organize the event for March 20th at Knox Presbyterian.
- **Proposed Entrada Office Project:** Cheryl Cook shared information received from Donna Singh regarding new construction near the Jefferson-Centinela-Sepulveda corridor. This project will bring approximately 1400 more cars

to our community. Donna will continue to attend the meetings related to this project but needs additional support from the LHCA. Resident Richard Jampol volunteered to attend the meetings. Secretary, Ruth Lawrence will pass Mr. Jampol's contact information to Ms. Singh. Ruth will also send Sherry Jordan a letter of opposition from LHCA.

Old Business

- **Update on School Appeal:** Allan Boodnick reported although we lost, the vote in Sacramento was 6 – 4 and we put up a really great fight.

Committee Reports

- **Baldwin Hills Conservancy:** Cliff Neuman reported they are working on park signs at Hahn Park. Carmen Spiva received letter from County. PXP wants to start re-drilling but the County reminded them they would need to notify neighboring Associations etc.
- **Beautification:** Dorothy Harris reported the work has finally gone out to bid and will be decided upon in next couple of months. Ground breaking will be late April. Several residents complained upon learning the oleander will be removed. Dorothy explained that it would be replaced with something suitable that will also provide privacy upon maturity.
- **Block Clubs:** No update
- **Senior Center:** Alma Fowlkes reported it remains on target. Joann Jones will be the Director and she has lots of experience in this role.
- **Ladera Center:** No update
- **Ladera Park:** No update

Directors present: Allan Boodnick, Ronni Cooper, Cheryl Cook, Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge Alma Fowlkes, Dorothy Harris, Ruth Lawrence, Cliff Neuman, Carman Spiva, Ron Woods. Alternates: Sandra Goldsmith-Bennett, Frieda Rentie, Florida Toussant. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted names.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary